

CIO of the Commonwealth
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From the CIO

The transformation of IT in the Commonwealth takes several major steps this month. As you may have heard, Governor Warner and the Information Technology Investment Board have now thoroughly reviewed and approved an interim partnership agreement with Northrop Grumman to modernize the state's IT infrastructure. This exciting initiative will vastly improve service and also contains significant economic development and educational opportunities, especially in southwest Virginia. Read the Governor's news release [here](#).

VITA is also restructuring by dividing service into geographic regions and adding a new directorate, the Service Management Organization (SMO). We envision more efficient service to all regions of the state, including to you, our local government partners. I invite you to follow our progress at www.vita.virginia.gov. In the meantime, we'd like to share one way to help you avoid costs and achieve the Governor's goal of reducing gas consumption. Sincerely,



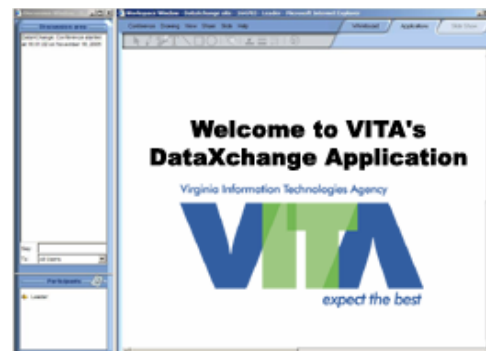
Keep Gas Costs at Bay with a DataXchange Online Meeting or Training Session

Managers, trainers, and other groups can effectively host and/or train people from many locations via VITA's online meeting service, DataXchange. Participants just accept your invitation, join in from their own desktop PC, then share presentations, files and comments in real time.

VITA's telemedia staff will walk you through an easy set-up process, including uploading your presentations and practicing with the meeting management tools ahead of time.

Features include:

- * No special software, no upfront or ongoing investment required
- * Participants can chat, share and view files
- * Moderator has a variety of meeting management tools
- * Affordable pricing - just six cents per person per minute
- * Audio conference feature easily added
- * Cost avoidances include gas, space rental, staff travel time, etc.



What Customers Are Saying:



"DataXchange is a very cost-effective way to provide training to people from all regions of the state and beyond. I was thrilled with the ability to set up a large training session without having to pay for space, travel, food, etc. With the price of gas being so high, our participants were very happy with the ability to hook up to online training, ask questions and discuss topics without leaving their offices.

"I received very positive feedback on the training and DataXchange. The process was easy and smooth-running from beginning to end with the help of the VITA staff. It's nice to have such knowledgeable people available to help with the use of technology!"

**- Nicole Rada, Partnership for People with Disabilities,
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond**

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